REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of this application. Claims 9 and 18-20 were canceled without prejudice. New claims 33-40 were introduced for consideration. No new matter was added. Therefore, claims 33-40 are currently pending in this application.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS AND REJECTIONS

Applicant acknowledges the claim objections and claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs of claims 9 and 18-20. Applicant respectfully traverses. However, claims 9 and 18-20 were canceled without prejudice and the objections and rejections of those claims are now moot.

CONCLUSION

No fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment in fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2207, including any funds necessitated due to any accompanying check being drawn on an account with insufficient funds. To the extent necessary and not otherwise requested, Applicant requests an Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action, and requests that the fee for such an extension be charged to Deposit Account number 50-2207.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at the number set out below.

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